

## TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

Remarkable Suicide of John C. Mustill

### HE SLASHES HIS THROAT OPEN

With a Bread-Knife and Walks Out Into an Alley to Die—Deserted by His Wife He Grew Despondent.

Last evening at 10:30 Officer Mahey found the body of Jack Mustill lying in the alley at the rear of McQuenew & McQuillen's saloon with his throat cut. As the officer was patrolling his beat on Ottawa street his attention was attracted by a mysterious sound of gurgling and hard breathing coming from the alley and upon investigating he found the body with a little life yet remaining. The alarm was given and police headquarters notified. Detectives Smith and Barr went to the scene and it was not long before a crowd of curious people were present. When the detectives arrived Mustill's life blood had flowed from his body and life was extinct. The dead man's pockets were searched and a letter was found which read as follows:

Letter Found on Him.

DEAR JACK—You will be surprised when you hear where I am; but it was not my fault. Whisky done the whole thing, and this is where it landed me; and I am about crazy. All I do is walk the floor and think what I have done, and how you will forgive me as much as I. Write me one line, if not more, and I will be the happiest girl that ever lived. It was all a put up job that you got me here, and I had not been drunk I would not have come. Now, Jack, I will not write much, for I do not expect any answer; so good-bye. From your disgraced daughter.

Mrs. J. C. Mustill.

The envelope was addressed to "John Mustill, 146 Kent street, Grand Rapids, Mich.," and contained the following written upon its back in a machine hand, "Good-bye. Please send my body to London, Ont., to my father's home for burial."

Deserted by His Wife.

Mustill had lived in this city about four years and was a blacksmith. He had worked in Kinney's shop on Kent street for the last three years. He was married a year ago to "Dot" Johnson and they had lived together at No. 146 Kent street until two weeks ago, when she left him. It is supposed that he worried over the matter until he became tired of life, as he had appeared despondent and become unsteady in his business. Last evening he went into McQuenew & McQuillen's saloon and sat around for a while, when those present said that he stepped out unobserved. A diligent search was made for the knife in the vicinity where the body lay, but no trace of it could be found. Coroner Bradish was called, who turned the body over to Undertaker O'Brien. After the dead man was removed to the undertaking rooms the detectives continued their search for the knife.

Cut With a Bread Knife.

They went into the saloon and made a close examination of the premises. Drops of blood were found on the floor leading from the back door to the lunch counter and following up the track a huge knife used for cutting bread was found covered with blood lying on the counter. It was surmised that Mustill walked up to the counter, which was partly secluded by a partition, and taking the knife slashed it across his throat, laid the knife down and walked out through the back door. He had evidently sat down on the steps, for a pool of blood was found at that point. He then walked out into the alley and fell from exhaustion. An examination of the wound revealed that the artery on the left side of the throat had been severed and the wind pipe had been nicked, the wound evidently having been made by three or four jerks of the hand.

He Had Been Drinking.

He had not been seen to drink anything in the saloon nor did he appear to be under the influence of liquor when he entered the place, although he had been drinking during the first of the week. Coroner Bradish empowered a jury at the undertaking rooms as follows: G. B. Clark, James Cowens, A. N. Albee, H. L. Brown, Fred Marshall and H. C. Read, for the purpose of holding an inquest. After the jury had been sworn the inquest was adjourned until this afternoon at 2 o'clock, to be held at Coroner Bradish's office.

AN IMMORAL PREACHER.

The Rev. Mr. Robinson of Clarkson stands suspended.

DETROIT, March 25.—For the past four days nine ministers, presided over by Presiding Elder J. L. Hudson, have been in secret session in a small room of the Central Methodist church. As a result Rev. Mr. Robinson of Clarkson stands suspended from the ministry. He was found guilty on two counts by this committee, or church court, appointed to investigate charges made against him. These counts are immoral conduct and immoral teaching.

MCARTHY RELEASED.

The Man Who Shot Considine Released on Bail.

DETROIT, March 25.—McCarthy was brought before Judge Gartner at noon today on a writ of habeas corpus. The petition sets forth that McCarthy shot in self-defense, that Considine's relatives refuse to make complaint, and the police justices refuse to issue a warrant for the reason that the wound inflicted cannot be determined as yet. There was a brief discussion as to the amount of bail, which was fixed at \$5000, and McCarthy was released.

HANGED WITH A SHEET.

Old Lambert Denies Commitment Suicide in a Dentition Hospital.

CHICAGO, March 25.—A sixty-year-old Hollander, named Lambert Danhoff, who has been engaged in gardening in Auburn Park, developed a suicidal mania a few days ago and yesterday he was taken to the detention hospital. Tuesday night Clerk Wendell found Danhoff's room at 3:30 and found him dead, suspended by a sheet from the iron window guards. The body

## SHE STOLE A CHILD

How Little Mabel Hopkins Was Abducted

### FOR HER FATHER'S MISTRESS

By a Professed Teacher of Painting—The Detectives Ferreted Out the Secret After Three Years.

CHICAGO, March 25.—After a search of three or four months and some clever detective work Officers Woodruff and Leonard of the central station, today arrested Mrs. Mary Deighton, alias Murray, on the charge of kidnapping Mabel Hopkins, 12 years old, from the home of her mother, 3533 Washington boulevard, in July, 1889.

In June, 1889, Mrs. Sarah Hopkins was granted a divorce from her husband, Edward B. Hopkins, on the ground of criminal intimacy with one Elsie Eggleston, with whom it is alleged that Hopkins has been living since the granting of the divorce. At the time of estrangement between Hopkins and his wife the husband secured possession of their 12-year-old daughter Mabel and sent her to live with his mother. When the divorce was granted Mrs. Hopkins was awarded the custody of the child and took her to her home on Washington boulevard.

Taken by Her Teacher.

Three weeks later a nicely dressed woman called at Mrs. Hopkins' home and asked if they could not give little Mabel painting lessons. Mrs. Hopkins consented, and while the woman was giving little Mabel a lesson Mrs. Hopkins went over to Madison street to buy some groceries. When she returned a half hour later the child and her painting teacher were gone. She immediately notified the police and a search was made for the missing child, but without avail, and up to this time Mrs. Hopkins has not seen her child. Mrs. Hopkins gave a description of the woman in whose charge she had left her daughter to the police and an effort was made to find her, but it proved unsuccessful and the matter was finally dropped. Mrs. Hopkins, however, never gave up hope and a few months ago notified Captain Shea at detective headquarters for assistance. Officers Leonard and Woodruff were detailed upon the case and while the lead at first was a very blind one they worked upon every clue, no matter how slight, until this morning they located Mrs. Deighton at 200 East Chicago avenue and took her to the Central station.

Identified the Woman.

As soon as Mrs. Deighton was arrested, Mrs. Hopkins was sent for and hastened to Captain Shea's office. When she saw Mrs. Deighton she clasped her hands and exclaimed, "That's the woman." Mrs. Deighton looked at Mrs. Hopkins and then denied most positively that she had ever seen Mrs. Hopkins before. Mrs. Hopkins, however, was so firm in her belief and statement that Mrs. Deighton was the woman for whom she had been looking for nearly three years, that the prisoner finally broke down and admitted that she was the person who called at Mrs. Hopkins' house and said that little Mabel had gone away with her.

"I was hired by Elsie Eggleston," said Mrs. Deighton, "to take the child. When I called at the house Mr. Hopkins and the Eggleston woman were waiting around the corner with a carriage. After Mrs. Hopkins left the house I told the girl that her papa wanted to see her. She put on her hat and accompanied me down stairs. When we reached the street I told Mabel that her papa was right around the corner and showed her which way to go. When she went around the corner she was met by Hopkins, who took her in the carriage with himself and the Eggleston woman and they drove away. I do not know where they went or where they took the child, but I have since learned that she was sent to Canada."

RIOT AT KENT, OHIO.

Discharged Railroad Men Attack the Police and Forty Shots are Exchanged.

KENT, Ohio, March 25.—A riot broke out here this morning which threatened serious results. Yesterday a number of workmen were discharged by Erie officials for drunkenness and now men were put in their places. The discharged employees and their sympathizers assembled in the yard this morning and demanded reinstatement. They were refused and immediately attacked the new men, threatening to shoot them. Order was maintained for awhile, but at last the men attacked the police officers, using revolvers, forty or more shots being exchanged. The mob was finally dispersed, two of their number being badly wounded.

CURTIS IS RELEASED.

His Wife and Others Sign His Bail Bond for \$100,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Not long after the amount of bail had been fixed in the Curtis murder case, the defendant's attorney appeared in court with twenty-three bondsmen, all willing to go on the actor's bond. Mrs. Curtis became surety in qualifying to the amount of \$50,000. Five other bondsmen qualified for the remaining \$50,000. Curtis was released, his faithful wife walking beside him with happy countenance. It is his intention to secure a new trial.

HENNESSY'S FATAL FALL.

A Young Farmer Tumbles From the Third Story of a Hotel.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 25.—John Hennessey of Chebanse, Ill., jumped or fell from the third story of the New York Hotel, 241 Randolph street, at 2:30 o'clock this morning and his life was dashed out upon the pavement below. At 11 o'clock last night he entered the hotel office and asked for a room. He paid for it and requested the bookkeeper to give him a glass of water. "I guess I'll go to bed right away, I'm pretty tired and all I want is a place to rest my bones," he said to the clerk, and a porter showed the way to room 35, facing Randolph street. Nothing was heard of him until 3:30 o'clock, when the night clerk heard something fall outside and saw a man run out and found Hennessey dead upon the sidewalk.

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